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SUBJECT: NATO MINISTERIAL: SENIOR LEVEL MEETING ON
BERLIN AND GERMANY

REF: STATE 80604; BONN 6426

1. LIST OF ITEMS FOR SENIOR LEVEL MEETING AGENDA WAS
INTENDED TO BE ILLUSTRATIVE OF TOPICS WHICH DEPARTMENT
BELIEVES SHOULD BE TAKEN UP IN LONDON. IN SUGGESTING
THESE POINTS, WE DID NOT MEAN TO SUGGEST THAT AGREED
PAPER NEED BE DONE ON EVERY ISSUE. AS IN RECENT YEARS,
WE BELIEVE THE BONN GROUP SHOULD PREPARE AN AGREED
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ASSESSMENT WHICH TOUCHES ON IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS OF
PAST SIX MONTHS. AS NOTED IN STATE 80604, WE WOULD
LIKE TO SEE ASSESSMENT CONCENTRATE ON POLITICO-ECONOMIC
AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS, BUT OTHER ISSUES, SUCH AS
GDR STEPS IN EAST BERLIN SHOULD ALSO BE MENTIONED. IF
BONN GROUP BELIEVES DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED AGENDA
POINT (C) COULD BE SUBSUMED IN DISCUSSION OF THE

ASSESSMENT, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD AGREE. WE AGREE THAT BRIEFING ON OTHER POINTS TO BE RAISED SHOULD BE ON A NATIONAL BASIS.

2. CONCERNING PROPOSED AGENDA POINT (E), IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENCES OF VIEW ON HOW RELATIONS WITH THE GDR SHOULD DEVELOP IN THE WAKE OF RECENT EAST GERMAN STEPS IN BERLIN. WE BELIEVE SOME DISCUSSION OF THIS POINT AT THE SENIOR LEVEL WOULD BE USEFUL.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATED TO BERLIN AND THE EC. WE WOULD BE ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL FOR ASSESSMENT BY THREE BONN GROUP MEMBERS WHO ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF EC OF PROBLEMS WHICH MIGHT ARISE IN NEXT SIX MONTHS.

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